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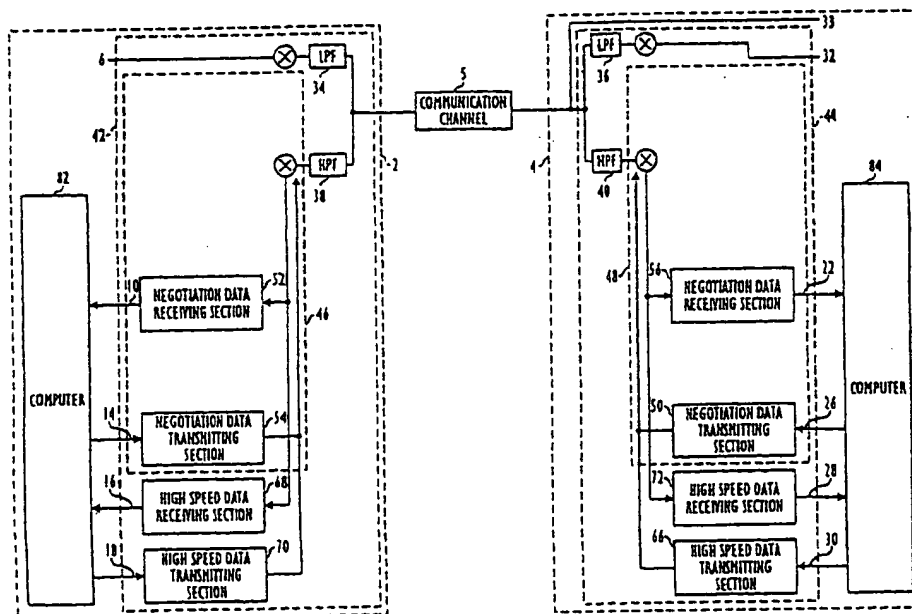
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(57) Abstract

Apparatus and method for establishing a communication link. A negotiation data transmitting section (54) transmits carriers to a responding communication device (4). A negotiation data receiving section (54) receives carriers from the responding communication device (4), in response to the transmitted carriers. A selecting device selects an appropriate communication device from a plurality of communication devices in accordance with the responding communication device (4), in order to establish a communication channel (5).